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SOURCE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

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1. ON MARCH THREE R.E. HARRINGTON RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE SIGNED BY BALASHOV, DIRECTOR OF GLAVGAZOOCHISTKA, IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION FROM HARRINGTON TO ANIKEYEV. US SIDE HAD INFORMALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ANIKEYEV MIGHT BE TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER POSITION AND THAT BALASHOV MIGHT SUCCEED HIM AS HEAD OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF THIS PROJECT. BALASHOV'S FULL NAME AND AREA OF EXPERTISE UNKNOWN.

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2. TEXT OF BALASHOV CABLE AS TRANSLATED: "CONFIRM RECEIVING INFORMATION OF TASK 1 OF JOINT SCHEDULE FOR THEMES A-4, A-6. AT THE SAME TIME, I INFORM YOU THAT MATERIALS MENTIONED IN JANUARY 30, LETTER FROM A. CRAIG ON TASK 2 OF JOINT SCHEDULE OF THEMES A-4, A-6 AND A-5 HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. PLEASE INFORM MR. SPAITE AND MR. CRAIG THAT ANALOGOUS MATERIALS ARE IN THE STAGE OF FORMULATION AND WILL BE SENT SOON TO MR. SPAITE."

3. SINCE BALASHOV RESPONDED INSTEAD OF ANIKEYEV, THIS MAY BE THE SIGNAL THAT LEADERSHIP ON SOVIET SIDE HAS CHANGED.

REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT MESSAGE BELOW TO BALASHOV, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH KUVSHINNIKOV TO DETERMINE THAT IN FACT SHIFT HAS OCCURRED. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM EPA FULL PARTICULARS ON BALASHOV.

4. "DEAR MR. BALASHOV: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF FEBRUARY 28. I REGRET THAT THE MATERIALS ON THEMES A-4, 5, AND 6 HAVE NOT YET REACHED YOU. THEY WERE SENT TO G.K. LEBEDYUK IN EARLY FEBRUARY. THE SHIPMENT IS BEING TRACED, AND WE WILL SEE THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM OR A NEW SET IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ITEMS ON WHICH WE NEED THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION FROM YOUR SIDE:

1) THE NAME AND EXACT DATES OF TRAVEL OF THE SOVIET ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATOR SPECIALIST, PER PROTOCOL OF OCTOBER 25, 1974.

2) RESPONSE TO MY TELEGRAM OF FEBRUARY 11 TO MR. ANIKEYEV PROPOSING AN APRIL VISIT OF A U.S. TEAM FOR A PRE-TESTING SURVEY UNDER THEMES A-4 AND A-6. OUR SIDE CONSIDERS THIS VISIT VERY IMPORTANT TO INITIATION OF THE SAMPLING PROGRAM.

3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, WE NEED A PROPOSED ITINERARY AND AGENDA FOR THE VISIT OF A U.S. TEAM TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S.S.R. DURING THE SECOND QUARTER TO EXPLORE A POSSIBLE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION ON ABATEMENT OF AIR POLLUTION FROM THE CEMENT INDUSTRY.

4) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF THE SOVIET VIEW ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL, RECORDED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE DECEMBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION ON PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM

OIL SHALE PROCESSING. SINCERELY YOURS, R.E. HARRINGTON."

5. REQUEST EMBASSY LOOK INTO NON-RECEIPT OF MATERIALS
ALLEGED BY BALASHOV. MATERIALS WERE SENT VIA POUCH ABOUT
FEBRUARY 4, ADDRESSED TO G. K. LEBEDYUK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
NIIOGAZ, N3B NAGATINSKAYA, MOSCOW M-105, WITH COPY OF
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO ANIKEYEV. TITLES WERE:

"TEST PROGRAM FOR DUKE POWER COMPANY HOT SIDE ELECTROSTATIC
PRECIPITATOR"

"TEST PROGRAM FOR LONE STAR STEEL COMPANY STEAM-HYDRO AIR
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"APPENDIX TO U.S. TEST PROGRAM REPORTS--TESTING METHODS
AND PROCEDURES FOR ANALYSIS"

"PARTICULATE COLLECTION EFFICIENCY MEASUREMENTS ON A
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